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SUBJECT: LETTER TO PRESIDENT BUSH FROM TURKISH  
PARLIAMENTARIANS UNION REGARDING ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

11. Post received the original and faxed version of an April 18, 2005 letter to President Bush from the Turkish Parliamentarians Union regarding The Armenian Genocide issue. Original will be sent to the White House. Following is the post's informal translation of the letter:

12. BEGIN TEXT:

H.E. George W. BUSH  
President of the United States of America

April 18,

2005

Ankara

Excellency,

The continuation of biased and racist displays of aggressive attitudes by fanatic Armenian organizations over many years, in a fashion not in conformity with historical facts, affects our bilateral relations with Armenia.

Obviously, this situation includes totally & political8 goals and unreal claims. These anti-Turkish campaigns, organized by Armenian extremists and their supporters, are regarded as very unfortunate by circles seeking peace and compromise, and generate concern and sorrow among all our people, chiefly among our Armenian-origin citizens.

In fact, many scholars have proven that these untrue claims, supported and guided by lobbying activities of racist fanatics, were constructed on fake, distorted, ide fix and incomplete narratives.

These theories of so-called &Armenian Genocide8 contradict the relevant provisions of United Nations Convention for Prevention of Genocide, and the global understanding of law and its interpretations.

Turkey is aware of its responsibility to evaluate and discuss history correctly. In fact, the Turkish History Institution's examination of information and documents in foreign archives for many years invalidates rhetoric that the so-called genocide issue remains a &taboo8 in Turkey. Our expert writers and academicians discuss these claims in all their dimensions and in a broad perspective, and try to clarify prejudiced and surreal rhetoric that is a product of a biased, dark mentality.

Our greatest wish is that you would resist this fanatic campaign tied to biased interpretations not confirmed by Ottoman Archives (that are open for research) as well as other state archives.

The Turkish Parliamentarians Union, its membership including former and current parliamentarians, welcomes the initiative of the Turkish Grand National Assembly, with its ruling and opposition parties, for a study of world archives by a joint committee under the auspices of an independent arbitration institution, and requests your support for this initiative.

Respectfully,

Hasan

Korkmazcan

Chairman

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